

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 30, 31, 33-36, 38, 40, 42-45, 47-53, 57, 59-68, 70-107, 123 and 126 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer to the subject matter claimed therein for these claims and all other claims in any related application or patent of Applicant. Applicant reserves all rights, including the right to appeal these claims to the courts at a later date.

Please amend claims 32, 39, 41, 54, 58, 69, 124, 125, and 127-129 as follows:

1-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 30,~~ An apparatus to market and/or sell goods and/or services over an electronic network comprising:

a first computerized central communications facility adapted to be linked to a computerized remote facility and to a plurality of other computerized central communications facilities, each of said first or other computerized central communications facilities having information relating to goods or services stored in a database, and each of said first or other computerized central communications facilities having a processor programmed to:

receive from a customer located at said computerized remote facility a request to at least one of search, browse and access in said database at said first or other computerized central communications facility for information of interest;

enable said customer to at least one of search, browse and access said database for information of interest; and

transmit said information of interest from the database at said computerized central communications facility to said computerized remote communications facility;

wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is adapted to provide to said customer at said computerized remote facility a list of

computerized central communications facilities permitting said customer to select and contact at least one other computerized central communications facility to request additional information relating to said goods or services, and;

wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is further programmed to contact the customer and apprise said customer of goods or services offered or any special offerings.

33-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 30,~~ An apparatus to market and/or sell goods and/or services over an electronic network comprising:

a first computerized central communications facility adapted to be linked to a computerized remote facility and to a plurality of other computerized central communications facilities, each of said first or other computerized central communications facilities having information relating to goods or services stored in a database, and each of said first or other computerized central communications facilities having a processor programmed to:

receive from a customer located at said computerized remote facility a request to at least one of search, browse and access in said database at said first or other computerized central communications facility for information of interest;

enable said customer to at least one of search, browse and access said database for information of interest; and

transmit said information of interest from the database at said computerized central communications facility to said computerized remote communications facility;

wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is adapted to provide to said customer at said computerized remote facility a list of computerized central communications facilities permitting said customer to select and contact at least one other computerized central communications facility to request additional information relating to said goods or services, and;

wherein said processor is further programmed to download software from said computerized central communications facility to said remote communications facility, said software adapted to present information of interest to said customer.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 30,~~ An apparatus to market and/or sell goods and/or services over an electronic network comprising:

a first computerized central communications facility adapted to be linked to a computerized remote facility and to a plurality of other computerized central communications facilities, each of said first or other computerized central communications facilities having information relating to goods or services stored in a database, and each of said first or other computerized central communications facilities having a processor programmed to:

receive from a customer located at said computerized remote facility a request to at least one of search, browse and access in said database at said first or other computerized central communications facility for information of interest;

enable said customer to at least one of search, browse and access said database for information of interest; and

transmit said information of interest from the database at said computerized central communications facility to said computerized remote communications facility;

wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is adapted to provide to said customer at said computerized remote facility a list of computerized central communications facilities permitting said customer to select and contact at least one other computerized central communications facility to request additional information relating to said goods or services, and;

wherein said processor is further programmed to download software from said computerized central communications facility to said remote communications facility, said software adapted to enable said customer to conduct a transaction using the

information provided by said computerized central communications facility relating to goods or services.

42-53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 44,~~ An apparatus for marketing at least one of goods or services, comprising:

a first central communications facility having a first database of information relating to goods or services to provide to a customer at a computerized remote facility upon request, said first central communications facility adapted to enable said customer to select and contact a second central communications facility having a database of information relating to a second set of information relating to goods or services to provide upon request; and

a communication device to enable said first central communications facility to communicate with said remote facility, said communication including transmitting said first set of information from said first central communications facility to said remote facility;

further comprising a software application for assisting the central communications facility to download a contract to the computerized remote location.

55-57. (Cancelled)

58. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 44,~~ An apparatus for marketing at least one of goods or services, comprising:

a first central communications facility having a first database of information relating to goods or services to provide to a customer at a computerized remote facility upon request, said first central communications facility adapted to enable said customer to select and contact a second central communications facility having a database of information relating to a second set of information relating to goods or services to provide upon request; and

_____ a communication device to enable said first central communications facility to communicate with said remote facility, said communication including transmitting said first set of information from said first central communications facility to said remote facility;

further comprising means for downloading software from the central communications facility to the computerized remote facility.

59-68. (Cancelled)

69. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 68,~~ A method for electronically transacting goods or services between a customer at a remote location and a plurality of providers of goods or services comprising:

_____ providing a first database associated with a first provider of goods or services and containing information relating to goods or services, said first database adapted to direct the customer at a remote location to a second database associated with a second provider of goods or services and containing information relating to goods or services; and

_____ enabling a remote facility to browse each of said first or second databases for information relating to goods or services;

further comprising providing an audio- visual presentation relating to said goods or services;

wherein said audio-visual presentation has the form of computerized voice.

70-107. (Cancelled)

108. (Previously Presented) A marketing apparatus for use with a distant communications apparatus including means for storing a digital image and a data record of a good for sale within said distant communications apparatus and a means for transmitting said digital image and data record to said marketing apparatus; said marketing apparatus comprising:

a communication means for communicating with said distant communications apparatus;

a processor operably connected to said communications means, said processor receiving the data record of a good for sale from said distant communications apparatus, said processor receiving an identification code from said distant communications apparatus;

a storage device operably connected to said processor, said storage device adapted to receive said data record of a good for sale, said data record containing an image of said good for sale and a written description of said good for sale;

presentation software operably connected to said storage device and a communications link, said presentation software providing , via said communications link, and interface to said marketing apparatus for a customer, thereby giving the customer access to said data record written description and said image of said good for sale;

a transaction processor operably connected to said communications link and said storage device, said transaction processor adapted to enable customer to tender payment, and to approve said payment means; and

a transaction record means operably connected to said transaction processor, said transaction record means transmitting to said customer in response to said purchase request a record of said transaction.

109. (Previously Presented) The marketing apparatus of claim 108 wherein at least one of said apparatus is configured to provide auctioning services.

110. (Previously Presented) The marketing apparatus of claim 108 wherein at least one of said apparatus is configured to provide a coupon relating to said goods or services to said customer.

111. (Previously Presented) The marketing apparatus of claim 108 wherein at least one of said apparatus is configured to provide information about the sale or financing of vehicles.

112. (Previously Presented) The marketing apparatus of claim 108 wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to enable said customer to select and contact another computerized central communications facility.

113. (Previously Presented) The marketing apparatus of claim 108 wherein at least one of said apparatus is configured to contact said customer and apprise said customer of goods or services offered or any special offerings.

114. (Previously Presented) The marketing apparatus of claim 108 wherein at least one of said apparatus is configured to initiate contact with said customer.

115. (Previously Presented) An apparatus to market and/or sell goods or services over an electronic network comprising:

a first computerized central communications facility adapted to be linked to a computerized remote facility and to a plurality of other computerized central communications facilities, each of said first or other computerized central communications facilities having information relating to goods or services stored in a database, and each of said first or other computerized central communications facilities having a processor programmed to:

receive from a customer located at said computerized remote facility a request to at least one of search, browse and access in said database at said first or other computerized central communications facility for information of interest;

enable said customer to at least one of search, browse and access said database for information of interest; and

transmit said information of interest from the database at said computerized central communications facility to said computerized remote communications facility;

wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is adapted to provide said customer information regarding rentals.

116. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 115 wherein said rentals are entertainment products.

117-120. (Cancelled)

121. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 115 wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is adapted to enable said customer to print said information.

122. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 115 wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to enable said customer to select and contact another computerized central communications facility.

123. (Cancelled)

124. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 123~~ A method for running application software in a computer network environment, comprising:

providing at least one computerized remote communications facility and at least one computerized central communications facility coupled to said network environment, wherein said network environment is a hypermedia transmitted environment;

executing, at said computerized remote communications facility, browsing application software that processes a first transmitted hypermedia document to identify visual and/or audio information in said hypermedia document caused to be transmitted from said computerized central communications facility for a customer at said computerized remote communications facility;

utilizing said browsing application software to display, on a monitor at said computerized remote communications facility, at least a portion of a first transmitted hypermedia document received over said network from said computerized central communications facility, wherein a portion of said first hypermedia document is displayed within a first browsing application software window on said monitor at said

computerized remote communications facility, wherein said computerized remote communications facility has downloaded application software from at least one of said computerized central communications facilities in a current or past session, wherein said browsing application software is operational to process information contained in said hypermedia document, and wherein said downloaded application software is operational to translate information contained in said transmitted hypermedia document in order to display in said first browsing application software window or otherwise reproduce said information at a computer for said customer at said computerized remote communications facility;

wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to provide a coupon relating to goods or services to said customer.

125. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 123-A method for running application software in a computer network environment, comprising:

providing at least one computerized remote communications facility and at least one computerized central communications facility coupled to said network environment, wherein said network environment is a hypermedia transmitted environment;

executing, at said computerized remote communications facility, browsing application software that processes a first transmitted hypermedia document to identify visual and/or audio information in said hypermedia document caused to be transmitted from said computerized central communications facility for a customer at said computerized remote communications facility;

utilizing said browsing application software to display, on a monitor at said computerized remote communications facility, at least a portion of a first transmitted hypermedia document received over said network from said computerized central communications facility, wherein a portion of said first hypermedia document is displayed within a first browsing application software window on said monitor at said computerized remote communications facility, wherein said computerized remote communications facility has downloaded application software from at least one of said

computerized central communications facilities in a current or past session, wherein said browsing application software is operational to process information contained in said hypermedia document, and wherein said downloaded application software is operational to translate information contained in said transmitted hypermedia document in order to display in said first browsing application software window or otherwise reproduce said information at a computer for said customer at said computerized remote communications facility;

wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to provide auctioning services.

126. (Cancelled)

127. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 123~~ A method for running application software in a computer network environment, comprising:

providing at least one computerized remote communications facility and at least one computerized central communications facility coupled to said network environment, wherein said network environment is a hypermedia transmitted environment;

executing, at said computerized remote communications facility, browsing application software that processes a first transmitted hypermedia document to identify visual and/or audio information in said hypermedia document caused to be transmitted from said computerized central communications facility for a customer at said computerized remote communications facility;

utilizing said browsing application software to display, on a monitor at said computerized remote communications facility, at least a portion of a first transmitted hypermedia document received over said network from said computerized central communications facility, wherein a portion of said first hypermedia document is displayed within a first browsing application software window on said monitor at said computerized remote communications facility, wherein said computerized remote communications facility has downloaded application software from at least one of said

computerized central communications facilities in a current or past session, wherein said browsing application software is operational to process information contained in said hypermedia document, and wherein said downloaded application software is operational to translate information contained in said transmitted hypermedia document in order to display in said first browsing application software window or otherwise reproduce said information at a computer for said customer at said computerized remote communications facility;

wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to enable said customer to select and contact another computerized central communications facility.

128. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 123~~ A method for running application software in a computer network environment, comprising:

providing at least one computerized remote communications facility and at least one computerized central communications facility coupled to said network environment, wherein said network environment is a hypermedia transmitted environment;

executing, at said computerized remote communications facility, browsing application software that processes a first transmitted hypermedia document to identify visual and/or audio information in said hypermedia document caused to be transmitted from said computerized central communications facility for a customer at said computerized remote communications facility;

utilizing said browsing application software to display, on a monitor at said computerized remote communications facility, at least a portion of a first transmitted hypermedia document received over said network from said computerized central communications facility, wherein a portion of said first hypermedia document is displayed within a first browsing application software window on said monitor at said computerized remote communications facility, wherein said computerized remote communications facility has downloaded application software from at least one of said computerized central communications facilities in a current or past session, wherein

said browsing application software is operational to process information contained in said hypermedia document, and wherein said downloaded application software is operational to translate information contained in said transmitted hypermedia document in order to display in said first browsing application software window or otherwise reproduce said information at a computer for said customer at said computerized remote communications facility;

wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to contact said customer and apprise said customer of goods or services offered or any special offerings.

129. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 123~~ A method for running application software in a computer network environment, comprising:

_____ providing at least one computerized remote communications facility and at least one computerized central communications facility coupled to said network environment, wherein said network environment is a hypermedia transmitted environment;

_____ executing, at said computerized remote communications facility, browsing application software that processes a first transmitted hypermedia document to identify visual and/or audio information in said hypermedia document caused to be transmitted from said computerized central communications facility for a customer at said computerized remote communications facility;

_____ utilizing said browsing application software to display, on a monitor at said computerized remote communications facility, at least a portion of a first transmitted hypermedia document received over said network from said computerized central communications facility, wherein a portion of said first hypermedia document is displayed within a first browsing application software window on said monitor at said computerized remote communications facility, wherein said computerized remote communications facility has downloaded application software from at least one of said computerized central communications facilities in a current or past session, wherein said browsing application software is operational to process information contained in

said hypermedia document, and wherein said downloaded application software is operational to translate information contained in said transmitted hypermedia document in order to display in said first browsing application software window or otherwise reproduce said information at a computer for said customer at said computerized remote communications facility;

wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to initiate contact with said customer.

130. (Previously Presented) A method for enabling a remote user to preview a portion of a pre recorded entertainment product from a network computerized central communications facility containing pre selected portions of different pre recorded entertainment products, using a computer, a computer display and a telecommunications link between the remote user's computer and the network computerized central communications facility, the method comprising the steps of:

a) using the remote user's computer to establish a telecommunications link to the network computerized central communications facility wherein the network computerized central communications facility comprises (i) a central computer coupled to a communications network for retrieving and transmitting the pre selected portion of the pre recorded entertainment product upon request by a remote user and (ii) a central storage device for storing pre selected portions of a plurality of different pre recorded entertainment products;

b) choosing at least one pre selected portion of the pre recorded entertainment products from said central computer;

c) receiving the chosen pre selected portion of the pre recorded products; and

d) interactively previewing the received chosen pre selected portion of the pre recorded entertainment product.

131. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 130 wherein the method further comprises the step of transmitting user identification data from the remote user's

computer to the central host server thereby allowing the central host server to identify and track the user's progress through the network computerized central communications facility.

132. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 130 wherein said network comprises multiple computerized central communications facilities and wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to provide a coupon relating to said goods or services to said customer.

133. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 130 wherein said network comprises multiple computerized central communications facilities and wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to provide auctioning services.

134. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 130 wherein said network comprises multiple computerized central communications facilities and wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to provide information about the sale or financing of vehicles.

135. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 130 wherein said network comprises multiple computerized central communications facilities and wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to enable said customer to select and contact another computerized central communications facility.

136. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 130 wherein said network comprises multiple computerized central communications facilities and wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to contact said customer and apprise said customer of goods or services offered or any special offerings.

137. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 130 wherein said network comprises multiple computerized central communications facilities and wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to initiate contact with said customer.

138. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for marketing goods and/or services, comprising:

a computerized central communications facility providing information relating to goods and/or services to customers at a plurality of computerized remote facilities, each of said plurality of computerized remote facilities remote from and linked to said computerized central communications facility; and

a database of information relating to said goods and/or services accessible to customers at said plurality of computerized remote facilities;

wherein said computerized central communications facility provides auctioning services including receipt of auction bids placed by customers from said plurality of computerized remote facilities.

139. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 115 wherein said rentals are travel rentals.

140. (Previously Presented) An apparatus to market and/or sell goods or services over an electronic network comprising:

a first computerized central communications facility adapted to be linked to a computerized remote facility and to a plurality of other computerized central communications facilities, each of said first or other computerized central communications facilities having information relating to goods or services stored in a database, and each of said first or other computerized central communications facilities having a processor programmed to:

receive from a customer located at said computerized remote facility a request to at least one of search, browse and access in said database at said first or other computerized central communications facility for information of interest;

enable said customer to at least one of search, browse and access said database for information of interest; and

transmit said information of interest from the database at said computerized central communications facility to said computerized remote communications facility;

wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is adapted to provide said customer information regarding entertainment rentals.

141. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 140 wherein said rentals are movie rentals.

142. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 140 wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is adapted to enable said customer to print said information.

143. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 140 wherein at least one of said computerized central communications facilities is configured to enable said customer to select and contact another computerized central communications facility.